CASE.26 SOMEONE WITH SUPERPOWERS DOES EXIST

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CHAPTER 26

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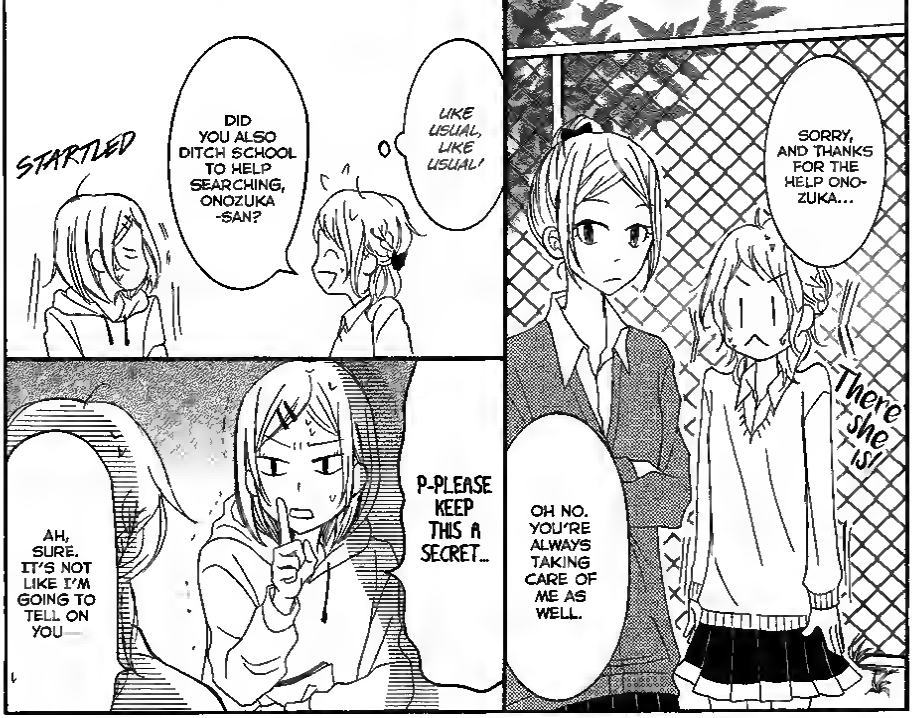
MEO OOOW ♡
Oh my...
AWW
AWW
Isn't it adorable~ I want to pet it... ♡
WE'RE ON DUTY RIGHT NOW...
OH, GEEZ. GO AWAY NOW.
SHOO SHOO
Meow
ME OW...
....
PAT

YOU MAKE THE SAME FACE WHEN YOU SEE KAKO-CHAN ON DUTY.
PLEASE DON'T USE THAT AS AN EX-AMPLE.
SOME-ONE IS GOING TO COMPLAIN IF THEY SEE US CHATTING LIKE THIS WHILE ON DUTY...
POLICE!!
STARTLED
YES?!
P...
WOBBLE
PLEASE HELP ME...
MY SABUROU HAS GONE MISSING!!

SABU-ROU...?
ISN'T THAT JIRO-CHAN'S CAT?
YEP. HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR IT EVER SINCE LAST NIGHT, APPARENTLY.
OH, IS THAT WHY HE'S NOT AT SCHOOL TODAY?
Yeah.
I'LL GO LOOK FOR IT WHEN SCHOOL'S OVER TOO.
HE PROBABLY WON'T COME BACK UNTIL HE FINDS HIM.
IF HE DOESN'T HURRY, HE'LL PROBABLY END UP REPEATING A YEAR.
Yeah, it's pretty funny in that sense.

so I'll do the same.
...Mikado chose
to act like "how things have been up until now,"
I'll help out too!
Alright!
It never rains but it pours...
ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY ASKED ME ABOUT SCHOOL AND I WAS REALLY CLOSE FROM GETTING TAKEN IN...
I WENT TO THE POLICE BUT THEY TOLD ME THEY'RE NOT OBLIGED TO HELP WITH PET SEARCHING...
WELL, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THEN OBVIOUSLY THEY WOULD...
I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE LEAD...

I just saw a little bit of Jiro-chan's dark side...
THE POLICE ARE SO USE-LESS...
Tsk
BUT MAYBE THEY'LL LET YOU KNOW IF THEY COME ACROSS HIM WHILE THEY ARE ON PATROL?!
YEAH, WELL, THEY DID SAY THAT...
AND THEY ALSO CALLED THE LOST AND FOUND? I THINK...
AND THE ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.
THEY'RE ALREADY DOING QUITE A LOT...
NAGAKURA SENPAI!
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT...
I'VE FINISHED HANDING OUT THE FLYERS IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OVER THERE.


SORRY, AND THANKS FOR THE HELP ONO-ZUKA...
There she is!
OH NO. YOU'RE ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF ME AS WELL.
P-PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET...
AH, SURE. IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO TELL ON YOU—
LIKE USUAL, LIKE USUAL!
DID YOU ALSO DITCH SCHOOL TO HELP SEARCHING, ONOZUKA -SAN?
STARTLED

SO THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER THE WHOLE MORNING, HUH—
NO, NO, I SHOULDN'T BE HAVING UNNECESSARY THOUGHTS!!
LIKE USUAL, LIKE USUAL
'KAY, LET'S START SEARCHING, THEN.
Mikado... she's pretty composed...
You could totally be an actress ...!!
MOTOYA SENPAI, LET'S MAKE USE OF OUR SHORT HEIGHT AND SEARCH IN THE LOWER AREAS.
Crouch low like this
Okay
CROUCH
DOES SHE REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS COMPLICATED SITUATION ?

Saburoooo!!
Saburou-chaaan
RUMPLE RUMPLE
Thanks for your help!
MISSING CAT!!
• NAME SABUROU (MALE, AROUND 5 YEARS OLD)
• TYPE CHUBBY
• THICK VOICE
• HAS A COWARDLY PERSONALITY
CONTACT NAGAKURA
Sabuuu!!
Saburouuu!
AH...
THIS PARK...
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH, NOTHING... IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE HE FOUND SABU-ROU.
Back in Middle school
HE WAS PICKED ON BY SOME IDIOTS AND JIROU FOUND HIM.

SABUROU!
IT'S YOUR BIG BROTHER! COME OOOOUT!!
BUT HE HAS SCARY MEMORIES HERE, SO MAYBE NOT—
DASH
NO, WE SHOULD LOOK EVERYWHERE!!
It's the kind I don't usually let you eat. Sheba Treats!!
I've got snacks!!
Saburouuu!

CAW
CAW
....
.....
...THAT'S
ENOUGH...
I'LL HELP UNTIL WE FIND HIM!
IT'S OKAY.
...WE MIGHT NOT END UP FINDING HIM, ANYWAY.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GUYS HELP OUT.
I'LL LOOK ON MY OWN NOW...

MEIN
MIN
MEIN
MEOW!
Ahahaha, he's hilarious

GEOW
GEOW
GEOW
GEOW
He ain't cute at all!
WHAT A DIRTY CAT–
HIS CRIES ARE SO FUNNY–
Gahahaha
It's so ugly
Hey
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT...

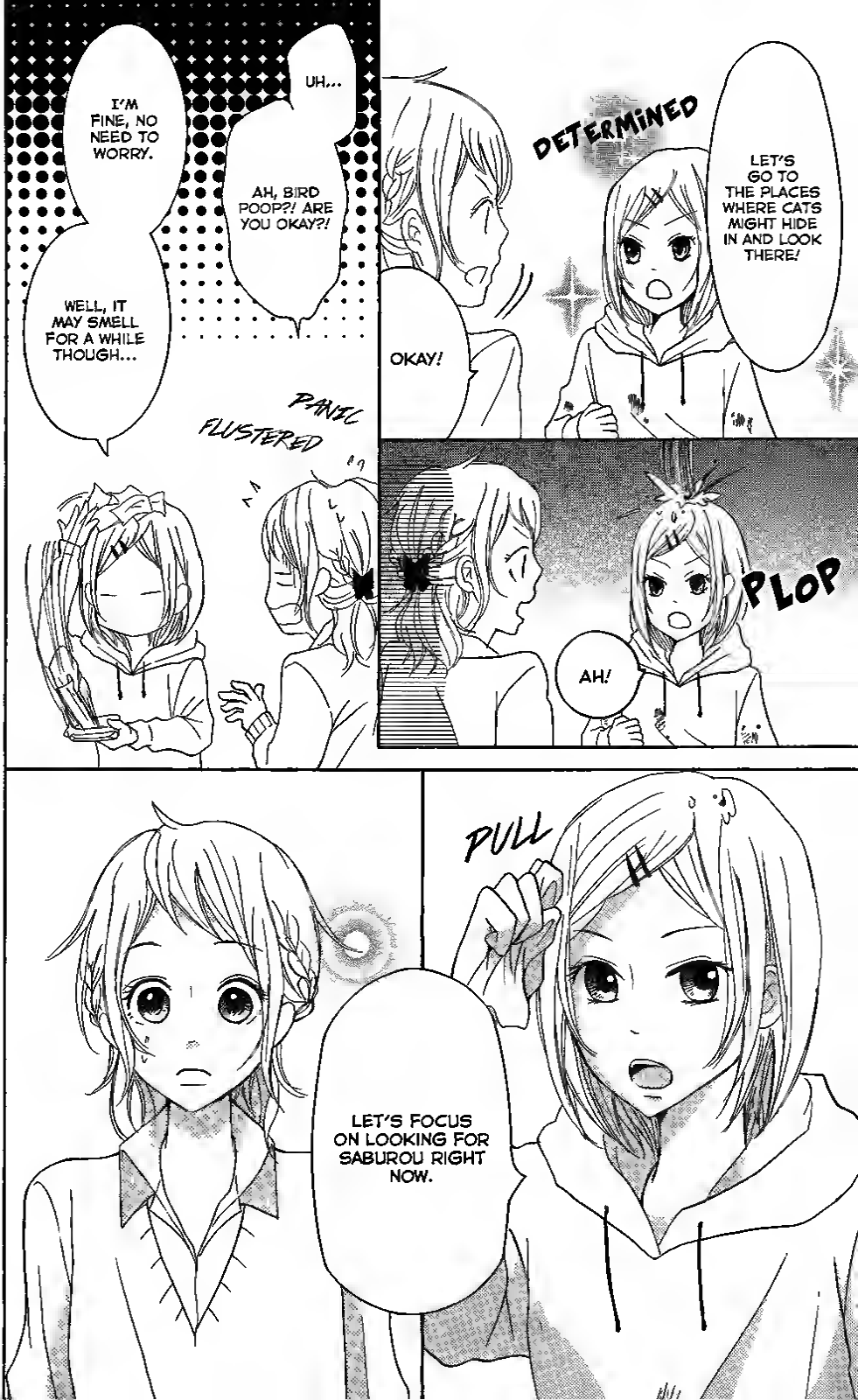
...HE'S STUPID,
AND A COWARD, SO...
MAYBE
HE'S AL-READY...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!!
RUSTLE
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO WEAK-KNEED NOW, SEN-PAI?!
SABUROU IS DEFINITELY FINE!

HE IS!
DEFINITELY FINE!!
.....
OKAY.

...FOR SOME REASON,
IT KINDA FEELS LIKE HE'S REALLY OKAY WHEN YOU SAY IT...
SQUEEZE

LET'S KEEP LOOKING!
HURRY UP AND START MOVING, JIRO!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL GO BACK TO THE BASICS AND LOOK AROUND AT HOME!
RIGHT! HE MIGHT HAVE GONE BACK HOME!!
ALRIGHT!! LET'S DO THIS, MIKADO!
GO!!
GO!
GO!
YOU GOT IT!
YOU TWO, KEEP LOOKING IN THIS AREA!!


I'M FINE, NO NEED TO WORRY.
UH...
AH, BIRD POOP?! ARE YOU OKAY?!
WELL, IT MAY SMELL FOR A WHILE THOUGH...
PANIC
FLUSTERED
DETERMINED
LET'S GO TO THE PLACES WHERE CATS MIGHT HIDE IN AND LOOK THERE!
OKAY!
PLOP
AH!
PULL
LET'S FOCUS ON LOOKING FOR SABUROU RIGHT NOW.

...I THINK
I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO SABUROU.
WELL... I CAN'T SAY I DON'T, BUT
Are you the type who will do anything when it comes to cats?
YOU'RE PRETTY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS,
DO YOU LIKE CATS OR SOMETHING?
OH
I'VE GOT A CAT ALLERGY, SO WHEN I GET NEAR THEM, I CAN'T STOP SNEEZING AND MY NOSE WON'T STOP RUNNING.
RING ...RING
!!
BUT...
I FOUND HIM!!!
!
JIRO-CHAN, HOW'S IT ON YOUR END?!

...HE RAN INTO THERE?
YEAH...
I THINK I CAN FIT IN, SO I'LL GO INSIDE AND TAKE A LOOK.
MAYBE HE'S AFRAID OR SOMETHING, BUT HE'S NOT COMING OUT...
See
Saburou, come out!
Ch ch ch ch ch ch
IT'S NOT CONNECTED TO ANYTHING, SO HE'S PROBABLY JUST AT THE END.
UM...

CRAWL
DON'T, ONOZUKA.
PLEASE DON'T MIND ME.
YEAH, YOU'VE GOT BAD LUCK TOO!
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVE BAD LUCK THAT I'M ALREADY KINDA IMMUNE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.
Whaaa?!
IT'S DANGEROUS! THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE BUGS AND SOME KIND OF WEIRD CREATURE INSIDE!!
DETERMINED
DON'T.
PULL

I'LL GO.
Huh?
...BUT,
...WITH YOUR BODY, YOU'LL ONLY GET STUCK, SENPAI.
SOMETHING WILL WORK OUT AS LONG AS I HAVE MY LOVE FOR SABUROU!
THAT'S RECKLESS.
NO, I CAN MAKE IT.
FRUSTRATED
FRUSTRATED

OH, GEEZ, I'LL GO!
Stop making such a fuss!!
!?
YOU'RE NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM ME, MIKADO!
SHUT UP! I'LL JUST REMOVE MY JOINTS THEN!!
PLEASE THINK REALISTICALLY, YOU TWO!
SINCE I'M THE SHORTEST HERE, I SHOULD GO!
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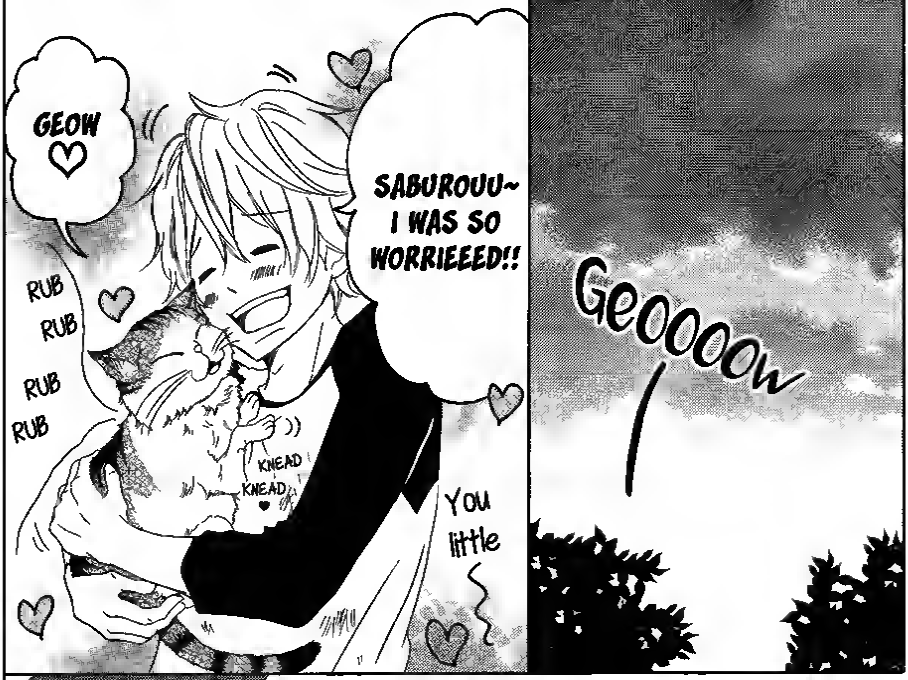
I'LL GO—
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?


GEOW
SABUROUU~ I WAS SO WORRIEEED!!
RUB RUB RUB RUB
KNEAD KNEAD
You little
Geoooow

DON'T TRY TO GO INTO SUSPICIOUS PLACES LIKE THAT
EVER AGAIN.

Maaan,
thank you so much!!
MESSY
NO PROB-LEM...
ARE YOU OKAY...?
DON'T WORRY.
...ANYWAY,

ACHOO
ACHOO
YEAH!
ANYWAY, ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE.
SNIFF
SNIFF
THANK GOOD-NESS!
ALL THIS LOVE IN THE AIR, LEFT AND RIGHT...
MUTTER
DAZED
OKAY...
I'M JUST JOKING.
ACHOO!
Huh?!
AH!

SABUROU,
YOU MUST BE HAPPY THAT SENPAI FOUND YOU AGAIN.

DING
DONG

JIRO-CHAN SLEPT FOR THE ENTIRE DAY, HUH...
WELL, HE WAS SEARCHING THE WHOLE NIGHT, SO...
School is already over
Mmm
Come 'ere, Saburou
Zzz
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WAKE HIM UP?
I see
He's sound asleep
Zzzz Zzzz
Twitch
AH...?

OH,
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
SCHOOL IS ALREADY OVER, Y'KNOW?
You were in the way of the cleaning.
HUH, FOR REAL ..?
AH, MY ARM HURTS...
Geez, someone should have woken me up
HEY, JIRO.
DO YOU LIKE ONOZUKA-SAN?

HUH?!
W-WHAT ARE YOU ASKING, ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
Kyaa!
Gehehe
STOP BEING SO EMBARRASSED, KID.
COME ON, SPIT IT OUT.
WELL
I
DO
.....
THEN THE FEELING'S MUTUAL, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU TELL HER?
WELL... ONOZUKA IS... HOW DO I PUT IT...
SHE'S MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING...
...I KNEW IT...

...HUH?
BUT AS A RESULT, SHE HAS IDOLIZED ME AND...
WELL, SHE PROBABLY THINKS I'M SOMEONE AMAZING, YOU KNOW?
EVEN THOUGH, IN REALITY, THIS IS JUST WHO I AM.
UH,
I'VE SAVED ONOZUKA A LOT OF TIMES, RIGHT?
WELL, THOSE WERE ALL COINCIDENCES, THEY JUST HAPPENED...

...I DON'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT HER.

WHAT?
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, MIKADO?
WELL, IT'S JUST SOMETHING I REALIZED AFTER KNOWING YOU FOR ALL THESE YEARS...
...YOU ALWAYS SAY IT'S A COINCI-DENCE, BUT
YEAH?
...LOOK,
DIDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SUPER-POWERS THE OTHER DAY?
I THINK YOU HAVE IT.
...THE SAME GOES WITH ONOZUKA-SAN.
I'M SURE IT WASN'T JUST A COINCIDENCE.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO NOTICED, RIGHT?
WHEN IT CAME TO OOKAMI,
AND SABUROU,

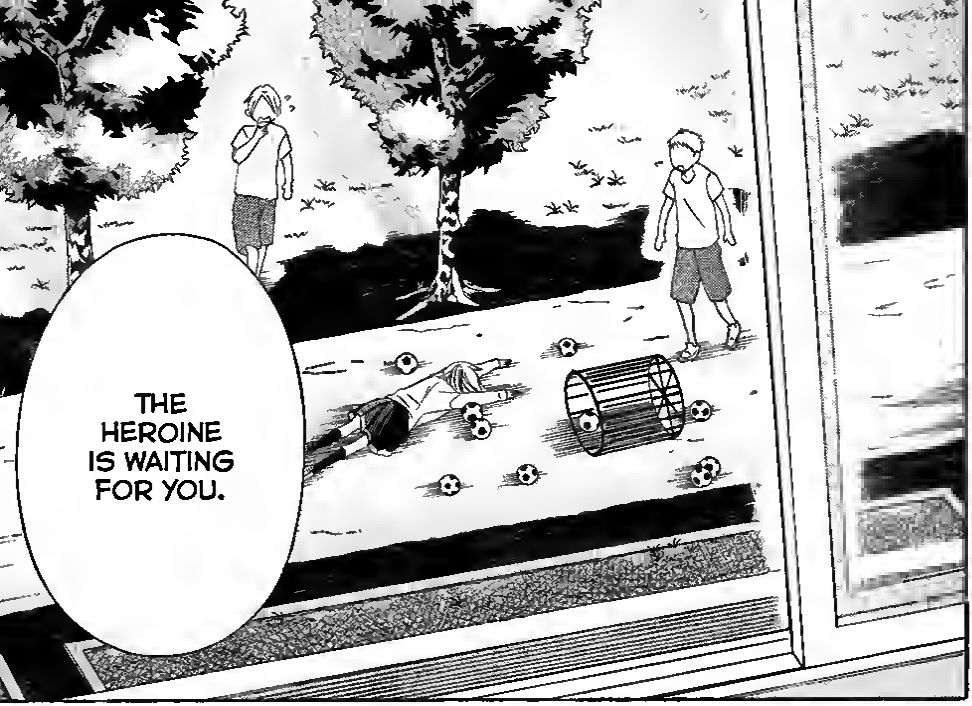
I'M SURE
YOU'VE GOT A SUPERPOWER THAT CAN
DETECT WHEN SOMEONE'S IN TROUBLE.
HAHA!
WHAT'RE YOU–
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU THINK, BUT

ISN'T THAT WHAT THEY CALL
"SUPERHEROES" IN THIS WORLD?
JIRO.

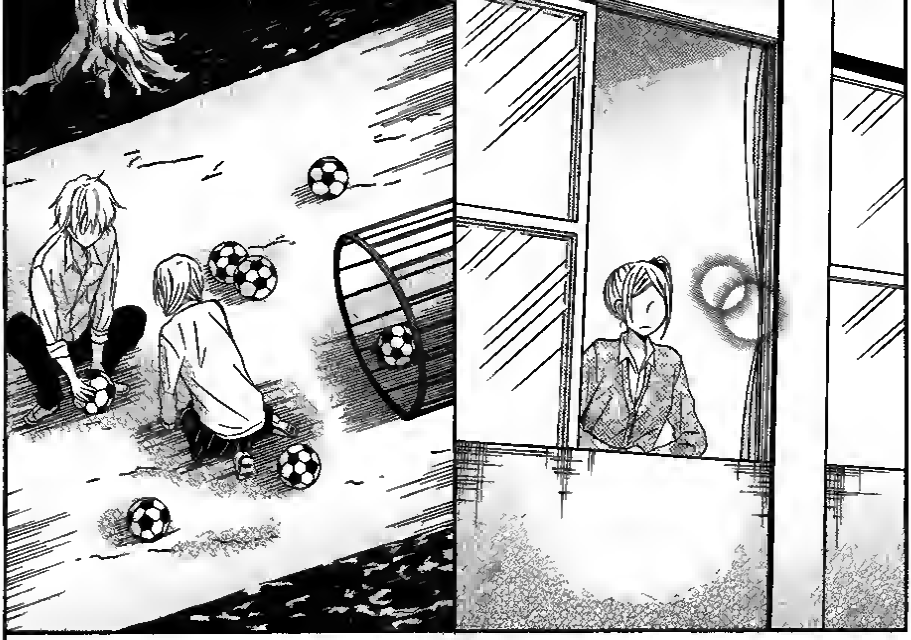
YOU'RE PRETTY COOL SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW THAT?

WHO CARES?
What's with the fart!
OR
THAT MUST BE WHAT THOSE 3 PEOPLE ARE THINKING.
PFFT ☆
3 PEOPLE? YOU'VE MIXED IN A CAT, YOU KNOW...?
DON'T SWEAT THE DETAILS
WHEN YOU LIKE IT THAT MUCH.
GRR
Ahhh, good grief
Geez
NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM IDIOTS USING THEIR BRAINS.
S-SAY
WHAT...?

HURRY UP AND GO.


THE HEROINE IS WAITING FOR YOU.

...YEAH.
I thought no one would notice that a hero like him existed.



He's a coward, a pathetic and weak crybaby.

But even so,

he doesn't hesitate when it comes to helping others.

Ever since
we were kids,

I think I've always liked you, Jirou.